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SUMMARY: SOMOZA FAMILY-OWNED NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES ON AUGUST 6 HEADLINED A NICARAGUAN TRIUMPH IN THE U.S. SENATE. IT WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL (GON) ANNOUNCEMENT. INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: END SUMMARY.

1. HEADLINE: SENATOR KENNEDY WITHDRAWS HIS MOTION NICARAGUA TRIUMPHS IN THE SENATE

ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID WILL CONTINUE FOR OUR COUNTRY

2. STORY: THE TRUTH ABOUT NICARAGUA TRIUMPHED YESTERDAY IN FULL SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE OVER INSIDIOUSNESS, CALUMNY AND A CONSPIRACY ORCHESTRATED BY SMALL GROUPS OF LEFTIST TENDENCY INFILTRATED INTO STRATEGIC POSITIONS IN BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS.

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IN THE FULL SESSION, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY PRESENTED A MOTION TO REVERSE THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN FAVOR OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO NICARAGUA.

AFTER THE CASE OF NICARAGUA HAD BEEN VOTED FAVORABLY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO AUTHORIZE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND REESTABLISH MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO OUR COUNTRY,

A POLITICAL HANDIWORK OF THIS MINORITY TRIED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD FAITH OF THE FULL SENATE AND INTRODUCE A REFORM, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF NICARAGUA AND INTERRUPT ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL STABILITY.

FORTUNATELY, THE HONORABLE FAVORABLE SENATORS AND FRIENDS OF NICARAGUA AND ITS GOVERNMENT DEVOTED TO THE TRUTH INITIATED A DEBATE WITH TRUE AND DOCUMENTED INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT, HONORABLE SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY WITHDREW THE MOTION.

THE HONORABLE SENATOR CHURCH, DEMOCRAT OF IDAHO, WHO WAS VERY INTERESTED IN DAMAGING THE IMAGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, AND FREE ENTERPRISE REGIME WHICH FORTUNATELY GOVERNS US, WILL SOON DEPART TO ENJOY THE COMMUNIST HOSPITALITY OF THE CUBAN REGIME AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ON HIS RETURN HE WILL BE AN APOLOGIST FOR HIS FRIEND DR. FIDEL CASTRO AND THE "PARADISE" WHICH THEY ENJOY IN THE "PEARL OF THE ANTILLES" WHERE ALL THE WORLD KNOWS, THERE ARE NO LIBERTIES AND IS THE ONE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE MOST VEHEMENTLY VIOLATED.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS STORY IS SIMILAR TO THE EARLIER STORY ON THE HOUSE VOTE, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE: THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL GON STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE SENSATIONALIZED NOVEDADES VERSION.

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4. EMB REMAINS UNADVISED AS TO WHETHER THE INFORMATION IN NOVEDADES ACCURATELY REFLECTS EVENTS IN THE U.S. SENATE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT OFFERED BY SEN. KENNEDY AND ENSUING DEBATE AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE TO DEPT.

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